THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Import dependence for production of petroleum products was 73% in 2007. Considering the growth in demand of petroleum products, the import dependence is likely to increase further.

(c) The details of domestic production of crude oil for the last three years is as under:

(*quantity in MMT**)

| Year | Domestic Production (without condensate) |
|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 32.1 |
| 2005-06 | 30.1 |
| 2006-07 | 31.5 |

*MMT : Million Metric Tonne

(d) Several measures have been/are being taken to ensure energy supply to India's rapidly growing economy, which are as follows:

(i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(ii) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling early commencement of production.

(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

(vi) Acquisition of exploration acreages and oil producing properties overseas to bring in Equity Oil.

(vii) Substitution of oil in the transport sector through use of alternative fuels such as Bio-diesel, Ethanol-blended petrol, etc.

(viii) Evolving suitable technology for extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas Hydrates Programme (NGHP).

(ix) Diversification of the sources for procurement of crude. The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are now importing crude oil from about 25 countries either on term contract or through spot purchase.

(x) Construction of a Strategic Storage of crude oil of 5 MMT capacity at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur for meeting unforeseen situations arising out of short term supply disruptions etc.

**Performance of ONGC**

3821. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has firmed up an investment of Rs. 71,000 crore in the Eleventh Plan in Exploration & Production (E&P) sector has succeeded in 28 exploration discoveries comprising eleven for oil and seventeen for gas in 2007-08;

(b) whether ONGC approved aggregate investment proposal worth Rs. 28,207 crore during the fiscal year;

(c) whether ONGC in its MoU with the Centre has estimated crude production of 29.4 million metric tonne, 25.05 billion cubic metres of gas and value added products of 3.320 million tonne of oil equivalent in 2008-09; and

(d) if so, what are the concrete steps proposed to be taken to achieve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Plan outlay of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) during 11th Plan (2007—2012) for domestic Exploration and Production (E&P) operations is Rs. 71794.66 crore. ONGC has reported 28 hydrocarbon discoveries in its onland and offshore areas of operation. Out of the above, eleven are oil/oil & gas discoveries and seventeen are gas discoveries.

(b) Plan outlay of ONGC during 2008-09 for domestic operations is Rs. 19,337.53 crore.

(c) MoU targets of ONGC for the year 2008-09 are given below:

| | |
|---|---|
| Crude Oil Production | 29.04 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) |
| Gas Production | 25.05 Billion Cubic Metres |
| Value Added Products | 3.32 MMT |

(d) ONGC has taken various steps for augmenting/maintaining the crude oil production. In addition to focus on repair of existing wells, various efforts have been made/planned for enhancing oil production from the fields in Offshore and Onshore areas including Improved Oil Recovery (IOR), Enhance Oil Recovery (EOR) techniques development of marginal fields, aplication of state of the art technologies etc.

**Sale of LPG cylinders through petrol pumps**

3822. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG dealers in the Northern part of the country have created an artificial shortage of LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken against the erring dealers;

(c) whether Government is considering any proposal to start the sale of LPG cylinders through petrol pumps in a convenient packing; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companeis (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

However, OMCs had reported backlog in LPG supplies in certain States in the country due to a combination of factors *viz.*, reduction in supply of bulk LPG compared to the